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Stoneberg et al.

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Application Number

10/624,924

Filing Date

July 22, 2003

Art Unit

Examiner Name

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

BEVERAGE CLOSURE WITH OPEN/CLOSE SPOUT AND PROTECTED SEAL SURFACES

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which



is attached hereto

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(if applicable).

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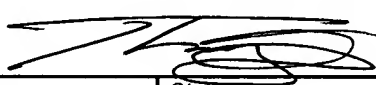
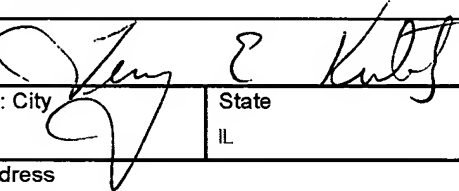
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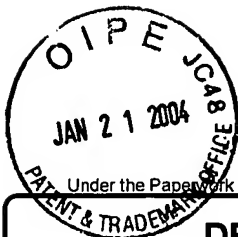
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**DECLARATION****ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S)**

Supplemental Sheet

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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)**SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record**

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